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NRO INVENTORY

National Park Service
Pacific Northwest Region
Cultural Resources Division

Westin Building, 1920
2001 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98121

1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(CARD 1 of 2)

Indian Henry's Patrol Cabin

5. ORIGINAL USE

Backcountry
Ranger Patrol
Cabin

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1915-16

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Indian Henry's Hunting Ground N-106

6. PRESENT USE

Same

8. UTM ZONE		EASTING		NORTHING	

11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

COUNTY

STATE

Indian Henry's Hunting Ground Pierce Washington

SCALE

1:24

1:62.5

QUAD

NAME

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATES, PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXISTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC

Log frame, one-story, one-room, rectangular structure; medium-pitched cedar shake gable roof extends over open front porch of log post, beam and bracket construction; stove pipe on rear roof slope; whole log rafters over 1 x 8 sheathing; roughly hewn whole log walls; saddle notch cornering; front porch has 2 x 8 wood decking; stone masonry and concrete pier foundation; varnished interior log walls; exposed ceiling; 1 x 4 tongue and groove floors; loft above the first floor.

Built in 1915-16 by the National Park Service, the cabin is located at Indian Henry's Hunting Ground on the edge of a sub-alpine meadow at an elevation of 5300'. The meadow of Indian Henry's Hunting Ground were visited often by the Nisqually and Cowlitz tribes in the mid-19th century. A mountain guide named Indian Henry, or Soo-Too-Lick, hunted a great deal in the meadows that bear his name. From there he guided James Longmire and other explorers in their search for routes through the Cascades.

By the turn of the century, tourist visitation to Indian Henry's had increased. This resulted in the construction of a tent "hotel" known as Wigwam Camp. Built in 1908 by George Hall and Sue Longmire, the camp was the third tourist facility established in the park after the Longmire Hotel and Reese's Paradise Camp. However, the camp was (cont.)

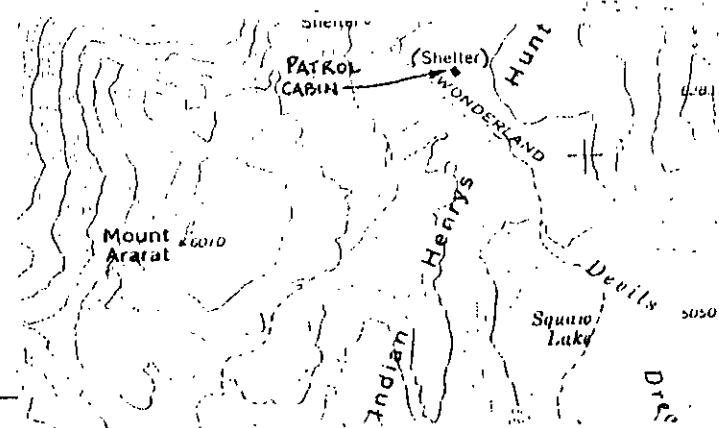
14. CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)☐ YES☐ NO☒ UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

Indian Henry's Patrol Cabin is the oldest backcountry ranger station in the park. Rectangular in plan, the cabin's log framed construction with saddle notch cornering, a cedar shake roof, and a loft above the first floor, became typical of backcountry patrol cabins in the park. The station is located in an area visited often by aboriginal peoples and contemporary, backcountry enthusiasts, and the site of one of the earliest tourist facilities at Mount Rainier. It is one of the several patrol cabins located on the popular Wonderland Trail.

17 PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18 LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

☐ YES☒ NO☐ NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

☒ YES, LIMITED☐ YES, UNLIMITED☐ NO☐ UNKNOWN

20 EXISTING SURVEYS

☐ NR☐ NHL☐ HABS☐ HAER-I☐ HAER☒ NPS☐ STATE☐ COUNTY☐ LOCAL☐ OTHER

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abandoned in 1918 as were other plans for developing tourist facilities at Indian Henry's. Nevertheless, there was still a need for the presence of backcountry patrols which resulted in the construction in 1915-16 of a ranger station at Indian Henry's.

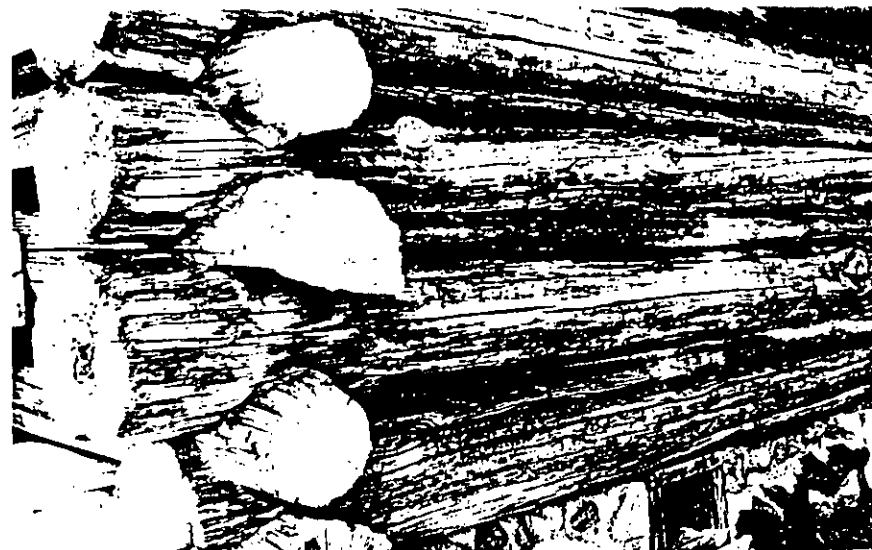
The cabin was the first backcountry patrol station in the park. It measures 15'6" x 24'10", with a floor size of 264 square feet. The open porch extends along the entire front facade, measuring 4'6" x 24'10". Major alterations to the cabin occurred between 1970-79, when the rear shed was removed, a new front porch constructed, new base logs installed, roof resingled, new window frames and doors installed, and the log and wood post foundation was replaced with stone infill and concrete piers. The cabin is elevated off the ground which allows for ventilation during spring melt that deters log deterioration. A recent (1982) field survey though revealed minor to extensive log rot occurring mainly on the lower four logs of the side facades, and at the corner notches. Carpenter ants were observed on the logs.

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